

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI
NOVEMBER 21, 1951

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi called to order by the Mayor at 8:22 o'clock P.M. of Wednesday, November 21, 1951; Councilmen Bull, Haskell, Preszler, Rinn and Tolliver (Mayor), present; none absent.

Minutes of the preceeding meeting of November 7, 1951 were approved as written, copies having been mailed each Councilman prior to this meeting.

Twenty two members of Lodi Fire Department out of twenty eight men who had successfully completed the " California Fire Training Program " course, administered by the State Department of Education, being in attendance, Mayor Tolliver congratulated them for their interest in their work by devoting their time to bettering their knowledge of fire department methods and Fire Chief George D. Polenske presented each man with a certificate as to the completion of this phase of training. Some of the men had completed the fifteen hour course and some were taking an additional fifteen hours of education in the use of fire equipment and kindred subjects. Six men, who had earned similar certificates were not present, being on duty at the time.

PERSONNEL
SURVEY AND
CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATIONS
REVIEWED.

City Manager Weller then introduced Mr John H. England, Chief of the Division of Cooperative Services, California State Personnel Board and Messrs Montella and McClure, Technicians in Personnel Administration. Mr Montella reviewed the different changes made in the Survey Recommendations and in the Classification Survey prepared by the Division of Cooperative Services under agreement with the City in September and October of the current year and their effect on wages and salaries as set forth in Ordinance No. 444, in effect July 1, 1951. Twenty eight positions would be affected if the proposed re-classifications were adopted, resulting in an increase of from \$5,000 to \$5,500 in the present years budget. The following three hours were spent in discussion of the proposed classifications, particularly as to " maintenance laborer " and " senior fireman-driver ". The Chief of the Fire Department maintained that this latter class should be designated " Fire Captain, " City Manager Weller mentioned a few classes that employees had proposed for modification or the establishment of additional classifications. It was determined that an ordinance amending the salary ordinance should be prepared and introduced and also that the class specifications be made the subject of a resolution both to be submitted at the next Council meeting.

GUNSCH AND
EDINGER
ANNEXATION
SW CORNER
CHEROKEE &
KETTLEMAN
DISCUSSED

As deferred from many previous meetings, the petition of Andrew Gunsch, Fred Edinger and others for annexation of properties on the Southwest corner of Cherokee Lane and Kettleman Lane, was again considered. Councilman Rinn, who presided at the November 7th meeting, said that no action was taken at that time, there being only three Councilmen present and both the City Manager and the City Clerk, ~~xxxx~~ absent. Councilman Haskell stated that this annexation had many merits, the area being at the junction of two state highways and at a principal entrance to the City. He raised the question as to how the City's policies in regard to the deposit of one-half the cost of extending city services to a tract that already had some substantial development could be applied; these policies were adopted with the thought that annexations would be mainly uninhabited territory, while the area in question would require quite a few services at once to existing improved premises. How should they pay for such extensions ?

Mr Leslie Mundy addressed the City Council in opposition to annexation; he is a late purchaser of property in the area and objected to further proceedings without referring the matter to the present property owners. George Voelker, owner of the Northwest corner of the proposed annexation district advocated delay in annexation.

Finally decided that new petitions be drawn and circulated, so that both sides would be represented and the matter continued to December 5, 1951; in the mean time, the effect of 1951 legislation as affecting uninhabited territory to be studied.

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<p>VARIANCE OF WATERS LOT 60 FAIRMONT PK. ALLOWED.</p>	<p>On favorable report of the City Planning Commission, it was ordered that Ervin E. Waters, owner of Lot 60, Fairmont Park, southwest corner Elm Street and Sunset Drive be granted a variance to allow a rear yard (now side yard) of fifteen feet as applying to this lot. Motion Councilman Haskell, Rinn second.</p>
<p>ORDINANCE 449 ADOPTED. (COMMERCIAL ZONING IN FORMER SALEM SCHOOL GROUND)</p>	<p>ORDINANCE NO. 449 " AMENDING THE ZONE DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 36, LOKELUANE, NOW CITY OF LODI, TO BE IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONE " having been regularly introduced on November 7, 1951 was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second, second reading omitted, after reading by title, by unanimous consent, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:</p> <p>AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Preszler, Bull, Rinn and Tolliver. NOES: Councilmen, None. ABSENT: None.</p> <p>Mayor Tolliver then signed Ordinance No. 449 in approval thereof.</p>
<p>COLDANI REZONING CALIF & LODI SET FOR HEARING</p>	<p>The City Planning Commission reported, that after one public hearing, at which no objections were presented, the Commission approved the rezoning to Commercial Use of Lots 15 and 16 in Block 8 of Hutchins High School Addition to Lodi as petitioned for by Henry and Annie Coldani, such rezoning to be contingent on the reservation of the southerly twelve feet of this parcel for sidewalk space. Moved by Councilman Bull, Rinn second, that this matter be set for hearing on December 19th at 8:00 P.M. and that the proper notice be published.</p>
<p>LIBRARY EMPLOYEES</p>	<p>City Manager Weller read a letter from the Board of Trustees of Lodi Public Library requesting that library employees be included in any classification and/or salary plan adopted by the City Council</p>
<p>GENERAL O'SULLIVAN NOV.26</p>	<p>Mr Weller read a schedule applying to the visit of Major General Curtis D. O'Sullivan, commanding the 49th Division of the California National Guard on November 26th, when General O'Sullivan will inspect the local armory and Battery C of the 164th Artillery. Mayor Tolliver requested that all Councilmen appear with him at 5:00 P.M. of Monday, November 26th. to welcome General O'Sullivan and later attend a dinner to be given in his honor.</p>
<p>WHITE SLOUGH REGULATIONS</p>	<p>A letter from the Regional Water Pollution Board embodying restrictions on the discharge to wastes into White Slough was read.</p>
<p>B.S.A. RIFLE RANGE IN STADIUM</p>	<p>The proposal of the local branch of the Boy Scouts of America to operate a rifle range in Lodi Stadium near the police pistol range was approved providing that the City is covered against any liability to participants and the general public. This range project has been approved by the Joint Recreation Commission.</p>
<p>SPECIAL COUNSEL IN P.G. & E. RATE CASE</p>	<p>Mr Weller reported progress so far in efforts to exclude re-sale customers of Pacific Gas & Electric Company from the 18$\frac{1}{2}$% increase in electric rates proposed by that Company in its application to the State Public Utilities Commission. On December 5th, the Utilities Commission will consider the applications of Lodi, Palo Alto, Alameda and other municipal re-sale customers, and, Mr Weller stated, it may be necessary to employ special counsel in order to give an effective presentation of the case for these customers. A meeting will be held in Oakland on November 26th, at which it is hoped that the employment of special counsel and other matters will be decided. Moved by Councilman Rinn, Haskell second, that it be left to the discretion of the City Manager as to the selection of counsel and arrangements with particip-</p>

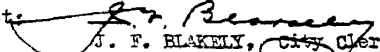
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W. LOCKEFORD
STREET
WIDENING
CHURCH TO
PLEASANT

Diagrams delineating a proposed widening of West Lockeford Street between Church Street and Pleasant Avenue, prepared by A. C. Heckenlaible, City Engineer and approved by the City Manager were presented to the City Council. Mr Heckenlaible reported that Mrs Adele Peronio would be willing to deed the land necessary to give a right of way at least ~~seventy~~ ^{sixty} feet wide in return for the construction, by the City of curbs, gutters, sidewalk and pavement, estimated to cost \$2,000. This would enable Lockeford Street, at this point, to be widened to a sixty-foot traveled way instead of the twenty-eight foot one now congesting traffic west of Church Street. This proposal appeared reasonable to the City Council and the City Manager was instructed to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of the strip of land necessary.

At 12:10 A.M. of Thursday, November 22, 1951, the City Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Rinn.

Attest: 
J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk.

Memo - Mayor Tolliver requested the presence of all City Councilmen at an informal meeting to be held on November 28th at 7:30 P.M. for further consideration of the classification plan and other matters not considered at regular meetings for lack of time.

(Copies of the foregoing minutes mailed each Councilman
on November 26, 1951)